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Examiner: Michael T. Cygan

For: METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION AND  
OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

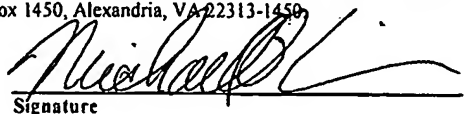
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